

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 13, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.  
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

The meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Thursday, March 14, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

SILENT MEDITATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Present: Council members Butterbaugh, Cacciotti (via phone), Cagle, Kelley, Councilwoman Jordan (via phone), Neugebauer (via phone) and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – the Codes & Inspections 2018 Annual Report was presented by Rebecca Brown, Director.

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an Executive Session prior to the Council Meeting for personnel matters

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Steve Ellfelt of 116 Spruce Avenue, Altoona thanked Council for their vote in the past stating there will be new congressional district maps drawn in the next few years; Mr. Ellfelt introduced Don Clipinger who will be returning to Council once the bills are introduced and asked for Councils continued support for anti-gerrymandering

## RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, February 13, 2019. (0011-19)
- b) authorizing an application to PennDOT for Traffic Signal Approval, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street and further authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0012-19)
- c) authorizing an application to PennDOT for Traffic Signal Approval, which includes the Preventative and Response Maintenance Requirements for the traffic signal located at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street and further authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0013-19)

- d) authorizing application for an Act 101 Section 902 Recycling Grant for the purpose of purchasing property located at 1737 Margaret Avenue, Altoona, PA for the purpose of establishing a recycling center and further authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0014-19)
- e) approving the renaming of Geesey Park Ball Field, located at E. Grant Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, to Tom Stout Field at Geesey Park, in honor and memory of Mr. Tom Stout, who served as President and Executive Director of the George B. Kelley Baseball Federation for several decades and dedicated several years to the improvements at Geesey Park. (0015-9)

Prior to the vote Councilman Cagle stated Central Blair Recreation and the George B. Kelley Federation are completely supportive and encouraging of the renaming of the field; Councilman Cagle stated everyone knew of Mr. Stout's dedication but may not realize the amount of time that he put into the field and into baseball in the City of Altoona throughout his lifetime.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; a consent vote was taken on all resolutions and passed 7 to 0

#### ORDINANCES – Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF LEASING EQUIPMENT, CONTENTS OF THE AGREEMENT INCLUDING THE INITIAL MEMBERS AND TERM OF AGREEMENT, PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES, POWERS, AND MANNER AND EXTENT OF LEASING EQUIPMENT; A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; A REPEALER OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Butterbaugh.

#### Adoption

#### Councilman Butterbaugh

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 633 ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS", ARTICLE VII, ENTITLED "STREET NAMES", §633-43 LIST OF STREETS NAMED OR RENAMED AS FOLLOWS: CHANGING THE STREET NAME RHODE ISLAND AVENUE TO GOODS LANE AND CHANGING THE UNNAMED STREET BETWEEN THE 2000 AND 2100 BLOCKS OF BEALE AVENUE AND 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO GLASS STREET; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY TO ERECT SIGNS TO IDENTIFY SUCH STREETS; LISTING THE NAMES OF SUCH STREETS IN THE ORDINANCE; ADDING THE NAME OR RENAMED STREETS TO THE CITY BLOCK

PLAN; REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5743)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer.

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Neugebauer

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0

#### MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Neugebauer thanked Marla Marcinko for the time and effort and work that she has done as our Altoona City Manager and wished her well in her new position stating she will be missed

Councilman Neugebauer offered thanks and congratulations to Fire Chief Tim Hileman on his recent retirement from the National Guard after 32 years of service

Councilman Cagle congratulated City Manager Marla Marcinko on her new position stating Council was successful in choosing Marla and thanked her for leaving the City in much better shape

Councilman Cagle congratulated Tim Hileman on his military retirement

Councilman Butterbaugh stated the Steelers, giving up Antonio Brown and Le'Veon Bell in exchange for Marla, made out on that deal

Vice-Mayor Cacciotti stated Marla will be missed and thanked Marla for her time and effort for our City and our Community

Vice-Mayor Cacciotti offered thanks and congratulations to Chief Hileman

Councilwoman Jordan thanked Marla for her hard work and diligence in whipping all of the departments into shape and setting a standard of excellence that the City can move forward with, confidently knowing that a game plan has been laid out to continue to stay out of Act 47, and set a standard for the new manager coming in, so that the City can continue to move forward successfully; Councilwoman Jordan congratulated Marla on her journey back home

Councilwoman Jordan offered congratulations and thanks to Chief Hileman

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:35 p.m.